

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/659,168

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to the amendment filed 10/10/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 11 and 13.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/15/07.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Chyrrea Sebree on October 15, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

Rewrite claim 11 as:

- - A composition comprising a liquid crystalline polyester (LCP) as a matrix material having an onset of melting temperature of greater than 320 °C, ~~wherein said composition having an onset temperature of at least 320 °C and good wear resistance at a PV of at least 1.75 MPa-m/s (50,000 psi-fpm), and said liquid crystalline polyester being about~~ containing about 65% by weight of said liquid crystalline polyester having an onset of melting temperature of greater than 320 °C ~~contains~~ blended with four fillers wherein said fillers comprise: (A) about 10% by weight of graphite; (B) about 10% by weight of carbon fiber; (C) about 5% by weight of mica; and (D) about 10% by weight of particulate polyimide, and wherein said composition ~~having~~ has an onset of melting temperature of at least 320 °C and good wear resistance at a PV (pressure x velocity) of at least 1.75 MPa-m/s (50,000 psi-fpm). - -

Reasons for Allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance.

The closest cited prior art of record, US 5,312,866, US 5,969,083 or US 5,767,223, fail to teach or suggest, even in view of each other, US 6,432,323 and US 6,348,163, the specific composition which comprises about 65 % by weight of liquid crystalline polyester material having an onset of melting temperature of greater than 320 °C, (A) about 10 % by weight of graphite, (B) about 10 % by weight of carbon fiber, (C) about 5 % by weight of mica, and (D) about 10 % by weight of particulate polyimide, wherein the composition has an onset of melting temperature of at least 320 °C and good wear resistance at conditions of at least 1.75 MPa-m/s (50,000 psi-fpm). Applicant has demonstrated that the specific composition shows unexpected results in terms of wear resistance performance. See Applicant's specification (page 11).

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Sow-Fun Hon whose telephone number is (571)272-1492. The examiner can normally be reached Monday to Friday from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rena Dye, can be reached at (571)272-3186. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-8300.

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